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SUBJECT: CANADIAN TARIFF OFFERS

1. CANADIAN DELEGATION HAS CIRCULATED THROUGH THE GATT SECRETARIAT AN ADDENDUM TO ITS CONSOLIDATED TARIFF OFFER OF APRIL 10. THIS ADDENDUM INDICATES THE CONCESSIONS WHICH CANADA IS OFFERING ON CERTAIN PRODUCTS IN THE FOREST PRODUCTS AND NONFERROUS METALS SECTORS. RATES FOR THESE ITEMS WERE LEFT BLANK IN CANADA'S CONSOLIDATED OFFER. IN ITS TRANSMITTAL LETTER CANADA POINTS OUT THAT THE RATES IN QUESTION WERE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT ON A FORMULA BASIS FOR THE PURPOSES OF CALCULATING CANADA'S OFFER OF AN OVERALL 40 PER CENT WEIGHTED AVERAGE TARIFF REDUCTION. (A COPY
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OF THE CANADIAN OFFER IS BEING HANDCARRIED TO WASHINGTON BY STOLER OF COMMERCE.) ACCORDING TO THE CANADIAN DELEGATION, THE NEW RATES CONTAINED IN THE ADDENDUM ARE LARGE-
LY GREATER-THAN-FORMULA CUTS AND WILL ADD ABOUT ONE PERCENTAGE POINT TO CANADA'S OVERALL DEPTH OF CUT.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE WERE AWARE OF THESE RATES FROM

THE EARLIER CANADIAN SECTOR PROPOSALS, IT IS A FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT TO HAVE THE RATES FORMALLY PLACED ON THE TABLE AS PART OF THE CANADIAN CONSOLIDATED TARIFF OFFER. THESE SUPPLEMENTARY OFFERS COME CLOSE TO MEETING MOST OF THE REQUESTS ON WOOD PRODUCTS AND PAPER CONTAINED IN THE U.S. REQUEST LIST HANDED TO THE CANADIANS ON JUNE 9. SOME OF OUR NONFERROUS REQUESTS ARE ALSO COVERED. WHILE IT IS HELPFUL TO HAVE THESE OFFERS FORMALLY MADE, THEY ARE CONDITIONAL ON ACHIEVEMENT OF CANADIAN SECTORAL OBJECTIVES, AND IT WOULD BE UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT THAT THESE OFFERS WILL NECESSARILY SURVIVE IN PRESENT FORM WHEN THE FINAL PACKAGE IS NEGOTIATED.

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